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Letter dated 30 May 2013 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Qatar to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to refer to the International Donor Conference for Reconstruction and Development in Darfur, held on 7 and 8 April 2013, in Doha, Qatar, during which political and financial commitments were announced by the international community towards the comprehensive and sustainable recovery, reconstruction and development of Darfur, in particular in support of the Darfur Development Strategy, prepared in accordance with the Doha Document for Peace in Darfur. A total of 3.7 billion United States dollars was pledged at the conference by the participating States, intergovernmental organizations, international financial institutions and non-governmental organizations.

I have the further honour to forward, attached herewith, a copy of the final communiqué adopted at the conclusion of the Conference (see annex).

I should be grateful if the present letter, with its annex, could be circulated as a document of the sixty-seventh session of the General Assembly, under agenda items 33 and 63 (b).

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Final Declaration

International Donors Conference for Reconstruction and Development in Darfur

Doha, 7 and 8 April 2013

Preamble:

We, the participants of the International Donors Conference for Reconstruction and Development in Darfur, hosted by the State of Qatar on 7 and 8 April 2013,

Believing that the Doha Document for Peace in Darfur provides the fundamental framework for the peace process and development efforts in Darfur,

Recognizing that a viable solution to the Darfur crisis can only be attained through peaceful dialogue that leads to a lasting peace, and that Darfur, both now and after implementation of the Doha Document for Peace has begun, needs to make the transition from humanitarian relief to early recovery, reconstruction and development,

Declare that:

The Doha Document for Peace in Darfur, in particular the articles and provisions regarding development, must be implemented;

We welcome the accession of the Justice and Equality Movement to the Doha Document for Peace in Darfur and call on the parties that have not yet signed the Document to accede to it, in order to achieve security, stability and development in the region;

We commend the humanitarian efforts made by the Government of the Sudan, many States, United Nations organizations, international governmental and non-governmental organizations, and national organizations over the last 10 years of the conflict;

We affirm the importance of the Darfur Development Strategy, developed by the Darfur Joint Assessment Mission, in accordance with article 32 of the Doha Document for Peace in Darfur, as a blueprint for defining priorities and implementing recovery, reconstruction and development projects in the Darfur region;

We commend the effective participation of all development partners, stakeholders and civil society organizations in Darfur in the formulation of the Darfur Development Strategy;

We express appreciation for international and regional efforts led by the State of Qatar to foster the peace process and support development and stability in Darfur, as well as its continuing efforts to ensure that movements and parties that have not signed the peace accords accede thereto and join the peace process;

We thank the Government of the Sudan for all its work on the ground and its efforts to support the peace process, stability and development;

We thank all States and regional and international organizations for their continuing support for the peace process, stability and development in Darfur.

We agree to the following:

1. The Darfur Development Strategy shall constitute the foundation for the gradual transition from humanitarian assistance to development. Accordingly, the States and organizations participating in the Conference adopted that Strategy as the basis of the recovery, reconstruction and development stage in Darfur over the six-year period covered by the Strategy;

2. A sum of $88.5 million, in the form of a grant from Qatar, shall be allocated to support the implementation of the seed and short-term projects set out in the Darfur Development Strategy. This contribution represents 50 per cent of the total project budget, which amounts to $177.4 million;

3. Collect the funds required to implement the Strategy in the medium- and long-term, estimated at $1,039,656,700; that sum includes grants, loans, credits, banking facilities and technical assistance;

4. The Sudanese Government reiterates its undertaking to contribute a sum estimated at $2.65 billion, as set out in the Doha Document for Peace in Darfur, bringing the total amount to $3,689,656,700;

5. Put into place a transparent, accountable, competent and flexible mechanism to manage the financing needed to implement the Darfur Development Strategy;

6. Establish the Darfur Reconstruction Board of Directors, to be headed by the State of Qatar and having the following members:

- The Government of the Republic of the Sudan
- The Darfur Regional Authority
- The United Nations
- Representatives of donor countries and development partners

7. The Government of the Republic of the Sudan commits to facilitating all legal, procedural, security and logistical matters so that development partners and national and international and non-governmental organizations enjoy freedom of movement and circulation while carrying out and following up on projects set out in the Darfur Development Strategy;

8. Establish a technical follow-up committee, the mandate of which shall be one year, to be headed by the State of Qatar and having the following members:

- The Government of the Republic of the Sudan
- The Darfur Regional Authority
- The United Nations country team and the African Union-United Nations Hybrid Operation in Darfur (UNAMID)
- Representatives of donor countries and development partners

This committee shall be responsible for rapidly putting into effect the Darfur Development Strategy, especially the seed and short-term projects;

9. Make arrangements for the convening of a conference on investment in Darfur;

10. Convene within two years another conference to follow up on commitments made at this conference and appeal for fulfilment of pledges.

In closing, the participants would like to express their great appreciation to the State of Qatar and its leaders, His Highness Sheikh Hamad bin Khalifa Al-Thani, Amir of the State of Qatar, and His Highness Sheikh Tamim bin Khalifa Al-Thani, Crown Prince of the State of Qatar, for their outstanding hospitality and efforts to ensure the success of the Conference. They would also like to thank the Government of the Republic of the Sudan, the Darfur Regional Authority, the United Nations country team and, in particular, the United Nations Development Programme, UNAMID and all international development partners and donors for their continuing efforts to ensure the success of the recovery, reconstruction and development process in Darfur.

Doha, State of Qatar, 8 April 2013